

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2560

Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas

February 23, 2006

An act to add Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174) to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to child health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2560, as introduced, Ridley-Thomas. Public School Health Center Program.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to implement and administer various child health and disease prevention programs.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services, in cooperation with the State Department of Education, to establish a Public School Health Center Program for specified purposes relating to the establishment of standardized data collection procedures and the maintenance of a database of health information on public school health centers in California, and the tracking of health issues that are unique to school-aged youth such, as childhood obesity, asthma, immunizations against communicable diseases, and child and adolescent mental health disorders. The bill would require that the department convene and participate in a Public school Health Center Advisory Committee, composed of specified members, and would prescribe the functions and duties of the advisory committee. The bill would require program staff to prepare and submit an annual report to the Legislature containing specified information. The bill would also require program staff, on or before January 1, 2008, to prepare and submit to the department and the Legislature a report evaluating the

benefits, obstacles, and feasibility of developing and implementing a certification system for public school health centers.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 10 (commencing with Section 124174) is added to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

Article 10. Public School Health Center Program

124174. The department, in cooperation with the State Department of Education, shall establish a Public School Health Center Program for the following purposes:

(a) To establish standardized data collection procedures and maintain a database of information on public school health centers in California.

(b) To track preventative health measures implemented by public school health centers in the state to address health issues that are unique to school-aged youth such as childhood obesity, asthma, immunizations against communicable diseases, and child and adolescent mental health disorders.

124174.1. (a) The department shall convene and participate in a Public School Health Center Advisory Committee, composed of the following members:

(1) The executive director or board president of the California School Health Centers Association.

(2) A total of 11 members composed of any combination of the following:

(A) A representative of the department.

(B) A representative of the State Department of Education.

(C) A representative of the California Office of Homeland Security.

(D) A representative of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board.

(E) A representative of the State Department of Mental Health.

(F) A representative of the Department of Finance.

(G) A representative of the state Senate.

- 1 (H) A representative of the state Assembly.
- 2 (I) A representative of the Department of Insurance.
- 3 (J) A local superintendent of schools.
- 4 (K) A local health officer.
- 5 (L) A community leader.
- 6 (M) A school nurse.
- 7 (O) A pediatrician.
- 8 (P) A dental health professional.
- 9 (Q) A public school health center consumer.

10 (b) The advisory committee shall provide technical assistance
11 to the department and assist in the implementation of the
12 program.

13 (c) The Public School Health Center Program shall accomplish
14 all of the following:

15 (1) Coordinate the program of public school-based health
16 centers with existing managed care, mental health, public health,
17 emergency preparedness, and public assistance health programs.

18 (2) Program staff shall also act as a liaison for school-based
19 health centers and shall prepare and submit to the Legislature an
20 annual report that includes information on all of the following:

21 (A) The number of school health centers.

22 (B) The geographic distribution of any public school health
23 centers established.

24 (C) The type and volume of health services provided by public
25 school health centers.

26 (D) A description of state funding for public school health
27 centers.

28 (E) A description of any obstacles to the financial
29 sustainability of public school health centers, and any necessary
30 policy changes that would address those financial obstacles.

31 (F) Information on any public school health center activities.

32 (3) Provide technical assistance, direction, and information to
33 the department to facilitate and encourage the establishment of
34 health centers in public elementary schools, middle schools, and
35 high schools, and identify all available public and private sources
36 of funding for those public school health centers, including
37 federal Medicaid funds, funds from third-party reimbursements,
38 and other available federal grant moneys.

39 (d) On or before January 1, 2008, program staff shall prepare
40 and submit to the department and the Legislature a report

- 1 evaluating the benefits, obstacles, and feasibility of developing
- 2 and implementing a certification system for public school health
- 3 centers.

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